(b) if so, how much amount has been spent so far for the said investigation;

(c) whether the investigation is continuing or has been abandoned;

(d) if it has been abandoned, at what stage it was abandoned, when and why; and

(e) when it will be taken again?

A.—(a) Yes. About three and a half months during 1927–28 and four and a half months during 1928–29.

(b) Information as to the exact amount spent is not available with Government.

(c), (d) & (e) Block levels over the whole of the area commanded by the East Bank canal and extension and alignment of channels, etc., and certain other preliminary work had been done up to the middle of August 1928 when the sanction expired.

The question of the extension of the Kistna East Bank canal is part of the scheme for extension of irrigation in the Kistna delta, consequent on the installation of 6 feet shutters over the Kistna anicut, which is to be investigated by a special division to be formed next year.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know what will be the length of the proposed extension of the canal?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That depends upon the result of the investigation."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"From the result of the investigation so far made, may I know what will be the length of the canal?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"How many acres will be irrigated by the proposed extension?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That is the very point that is being investigated."

Issue of water for irrigation to lands under the Kistna ayacut.

* 1873 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to give water only for short crop but not for the ordinary crop for about thirty thousands of acres to be included in ayacut under the extension of ayacut scheme in Kistna Eastern delta;

(b) whether it is a fact that there will be plenty of water available to be supplied for the ordinary wet crop for all those acres consequent on the heightening of the shutters of the Kistna anicut;

(c) whether it is a fact that the short crop is not advantageous to ryots and will not induce many to convert their dry lands into wet; and

(d) whether the Government intend to reconsider the matter and order the supply of water for the ordinary crops for all the acres to be newly included in the ayacut?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (b) of question No. 1375 delivered on 1st February 1929.

(b) No.

(c) The Government are not aware that this is a fact; on the contrary, they have received petitions urging the early execution of the Vempad project which is a 'short crop' scheme for the irrigation of 4,500 acres and the ryots have offered to pay an inclusion fee of Rs. 25 per acre. That seems to indicate that they have no objection to the short crop scheme.

(d) The whole scheme of extension of irrigation in the delta is to be investigated by a special staff proposed to be appointed in April 1929 and the Government do not propose to pass any orders until the Special Officer's report is received.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"May I know whether the ryots applied to the Government for allowing them to raise a short crop, because even that was better than a dry crop?"

The hon. the President:—"That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"Sir, I am asking. . . . ."

The hon. the President:—"Whether the ryots preferred the raising of a short crop or not, is asking for an opinion."

Expenditure on Original Works—Communications in the Agency.

* 1874 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amounts spent under the head of "Original Works—Communications" in Agency in each of the years 1920–21;

(b) how much of the above was spent in the Agencies of East Godavari, Vizagapatam and Ganjam, respectively;

(c) whether there is any scheme with regard to this matter and, if so, what that scheme is; and

(d) the probable cost of the whole scheme?

A.—(a) The expenditure on "Original Works—Communications" in the Agency are as follows:—

	RS.
1920–21	43,586
1921–22	1,55,575
1922–23	72,170
1923–24	78,289
1924–25	45,779
1925–26	72,599
1926–27	1,74,352
1927–28	2,79,365
1928–29 (revised estimate)	4,85,200

(b) Separate figures for each of the Agencies are not available.

(c) & (d) Yes. A scheme estimated to cost about 27·32 lakhs was approved by the Finance Committee in 1927. The scheme provides for the construction of roads and bridges in order to open up and develop the Agency tracts in Ganjam, Vizagapatam